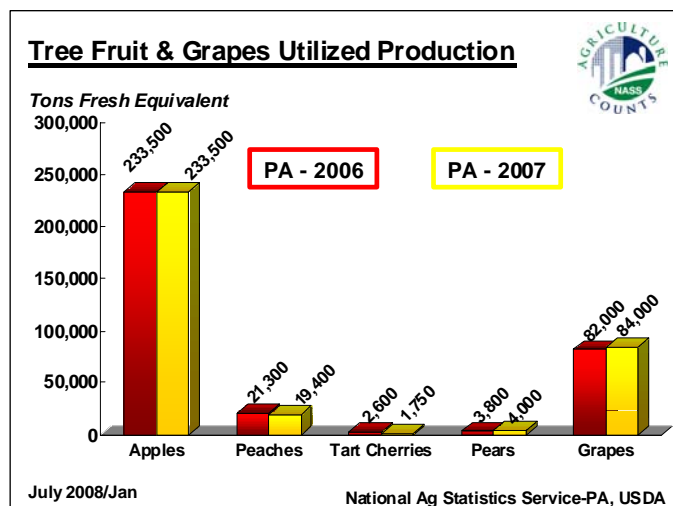


Fruit Review, 2007

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The Commonwealth's five major fruit crops are comprised of apples, peaches, pears, tart cherries and grapes. These crops produced a total utilized weight of 685 million pounds, down slightly from 2006.



♦ **Apples** - The 2007 commercial apple crop, utilized production, in Pennsylvania totaled 467 million pounds, unchanged from utilized production in 2006. The crop was valued at 66.5 million dollars, up 11 percent from the 2006 value. Pennsylvania ranked 4th nationally in utilized apple production.

♦ **Grapes** - Pennsylvania's 2007 grape crop, utilized production, was 84,000 tons, up 2 percent from 2006. The total value of utilized production was 20.9 million dollars. The Commonwealth's utilized grape production ranked 5th nationally.

♦ **Pears** - The utilized production of pears in Pennsylvania totaled 4,000 tons, up 5 percent from 2006. The utilized crop was valued at 2.9 million dollars. The Commonwealth ranked 5th nationally in utilized pear production.

♦ **Peaches** - Utilized peach production in Pennsylvania totaled 19,400 tons in 2007, down 9 percent from 2006. The season-average price of \$903 per ton was down \$10 from 2006. The total value of utilized production was 17.5 million dollars. Nationally, Pennsylvania ranked 3rd in utilized peach production.

♦ **Tart Cherries** - Utilized tart cherry production in Pennsylvania totaled 3.5 million pounds, down 1,700,000 pounds from last year's crop. The season average price was 0.398 dollars per pound, compared with 0.283 dollars per pound in 2006. The total value of utilized production was 1.4 million dollars. Nationally, Pennsylvania ranked 6th in utilized production of tart cherries.

Usual Dates of Full Bloom, Harvest and Marketing for Principal Pennsylvania Fruit Crops

